

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri, which will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary during its Homecoming and Sesquicentennial Weekend held October 8-10, 2004; and

Whereas, on April 13 and April 14, 1853, Missouri Methodists met in St. Louis and voted to establish a college, and founding Curators held their first meeting in Fayette on December 9, 1854, which was followed by the General Assembly of Missouri's chartering of "the Central College" of the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of Missouri on May 15, 1855; and

Whereas, Central College began as the dream of the Reverend Dr. Nathan Scarritt and the Reverend David Rice McNally, who were determined to provide quality higher education for Missouri Methodists; and

Whereas, the first classes at Central College met on September 18, 1857, on a one-acre campus in Fayette with 114 male students, a faculty of three men, an endowment of \$10,000, and an operating budget of \$3,600; and

Whereas, today Central Methodist University is a four-year, coeducational liberal arts institution with graduate studies in education that provides instruction each year to more than 2,500 students from 19 states and 15 countries and throughout the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, the only United Methodist Church-related university in Missouri, Central Methodist University continues a close relationship with Missouri Methodists, which was recognized through the inclusion of the word "Methodist" in the institutional name in 1961; and

Whereas, since its inception, more than 35,000 students have studied at Central Methodist University, the Fayette campus has been designated a National Historic District and has expanded to 90 acres, the endowment has grown to \$22.2 million, and the operating budget has increased to \$19 million:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the students, faculty, administrators, and alumni of Central Methodist University upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

Representative Danie Moore
District No. 20

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker